



MEMORANDUM

To: Mayor and Members of City Council

From: Montre' Freeman, City Manager
Sean Clark, Parks & Recreation Director

Date: September 8, 2023

Re: Consideration – Call for a Public Hearing - Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Parks and Recreation Fee Schedule; Athletic League & Golf Fee

BACKGROUND:

The Elizabeth City Pasquotank County Parks and Recreation Department provides six youth and seven adult athletic leagues. We service over 1,500 youth and approximately 500 adults through our athletic leagues. Participation begins at age three with soccer, flag football and tee-ball expanding to participants in their eighties with golf. Parks and Recreation is inclusive and welcoming to all our citizens, neighbors and visitors. The P&R team strives to utilize all its athletic facilities throughout the city and county to highlight activities in each community.

This item was discussed by the Parks and Recreation Committee during the August 28, 2023 Work Session and recommended to be brought forward to the Council for an official vote. As this requires an amendment to the fee schedule, a public hearing will need to occur.

ANALYSIS:

ECPC Parks and Recreation prides itself on being one of the best P&R athletic league providers in the Northeastern region of North Carolina. Though we have continued to be successful in this arena the increase of supplies, umpires and referees have caused a negative impact on the budget. These constraints have created a sustainability problem for our youth sports offerings. We are prepared to limit our offerings if needed to absorb the impact. The fees have not been adjusted since 2011. After a thorough cost analysis of our athletic fees, it has been determined that expenses are outperforming our anticipated gains in several athletic leagues. Parks and Recreation understands that our leagues are not money driven, but we need to establish fees that yields proceeds to cover cost, encourage sustainability and support less performing offerings. In order to initiate the cost recovery method with our department offerings we would like to request approval for adjustments of current fees.

The table outlines the current fees, along with the fees associated with nearby counties and municipalities. Though the proposed fees may be more than our neighboring localities early bird fees will be implemented during the start of registration. There will also be a multiple child discount of \$15; this discount will not be implemented during the early bird time period.

Athletic Fee Comparisons and Proposed Fees

Youth Sport	Current Fee (P&R)	Gates	Camden	Currituck	Perquimans	Proposed EB/Fee/Late
Volleyball	\$20.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40 / \$50 / \$60
Basketball	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$40 / \$50 / \$60
Baseball	\$35.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$40 / \$50 / \$60
Tee Ball	\$35.00	\$40.00		\$40.00	\$20.00	\$40 / \$50 / \$60
Flag	\$45.00	\$40.00				\$40 / \$50 / \$60
Soccer	\$30.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$40.00	\$20.00	\$40 / \$50 / \$60

Golf Fees Present & Proposed:

GOLF	Par 3 (P&R)	Eagle Creek Moyock	The Pines Elizabeth City	Proposed Fee
9 holes	\$6.00	\$18.00	\$20.00	\$10.00
9 holes – Sr.	\$4.00			\$5.00
18 holes	\$10.00	\$29.00	\$24.00	\$15.00
18 holes-Military, Sr., 1st Responder	\$8.00	\$27.00		\$10.00
City/County Employees	Free			\$10.00 (Annual Fee)
Membership				
Single	250.00	\$899.00	\$1100.00	\$300.00
Senior	200.00			\$200.00
Family <i>*2 adults and up to 4 children 17 and under in the same household</i>	300.00		\$2100.00	\$350.00
Junior <i>*Age 24 and under / 12 and under free with adult</i>	75.00	\$400.00		\$100.00

Tournaments	Par 3	Chesapeake Golf Club	Red Wing Golf Course VA Bch	Proposed Fee
Member	\$10.00	\$120.00	\$60.00	\$20.00
Non-Member	\$15.00			\$40.00

Updated Info:

Family - **2 adults and up to 4 children 17 and under in the same household*

Junior - **Age 24 and under / 12 and under free with adult*

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

By motion, call for a public hearing to be held on Monday, September 26, 2023 during the 7:00 p.m. Regular Session in Council Chambers to gather public input on an amendment to the FY 2023-2024 fee schedule for Parks and Recreation's athletic league and golf fees.